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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002, entry of the accompanying  
amendment to the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 9, 17, 31, 33 and 34 are amended.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 20, 2002 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-24, 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as  
being indefinite. The Examiner considers the phrase "self-retaining" to be vague and indefinite.